In claim 11, line 4, kindly delete "any of the preceding claims" and substitute therefor --claim 1--;

In claim 12, line 4, kindly delete "any of the preceding claims" and substitute therefor --claim 1--.

Kindly amend claim 14 as follows:

14. (Amended) Process for the production of a compound of formula (6) characterized in that it comprises the process steps as disclosed in [claims] claim 9[, 10, 11 or 12 and 13, wherein the residues are defined as in the preceding claims].

In claim 15, line 2, kindly delete "claims 1 to 8" and substitute therefor --claim 1--;

In claim 17, line 3, kindly delete "claims 1 to 8" and substitute therefor --claim 1--.

REMARKS

The claims (as amended during Chapter II) of the aboveidentified application have been amended to remove all multiple dependencies. No new matter has been added. Accordingly, an early examination of the application is respectfully requested.

Respectfuhly submitted

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